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TITLE: PACKAGING MACHINE

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In reply to the final Office Action, dated October 20, 2008 (*Request for Continued Examination* ("RCE"), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114; *Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time*, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a); and total requisite fees of \$960.00 (small entity) being currently remitted via EFT), please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated on the following pages: